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Point in Time buys land for new hub

By Lisa Gervais

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents has purchased a property at 5219 County Road 21 in Haliburton for a future youth and family hub.

Executive director Marg Cox made the news public this week, saying the plan is to eventually sell the two offices they have at 69 Eastern Ave., sell the youth hub building on Dysart Avenue, and end the lease on their offices on Highland Street. She added they have estimated they will only need about half of the new lot, allowing them to sell that for more money to put towards the project.

Cox did not have an estimated cost, or timeline.

She called it a transformative project that will expand access to vital services for children, youth, young adults, and families across Haliburton County.

"This is a once-in-a-generation investment in our community. By securing this key location, less than one kilometre from the high school and centrally located, we have taken the first step towards creating a single facility where children, youth, and families can access the care, connection, and opportunities they need to thrive."

She added the purpose-built hub will bring together a wide range of supports under one roof, including: early childhood programs, recreation and wellness opportunities, parenting supports, employment services, skills and well-being activities, mental

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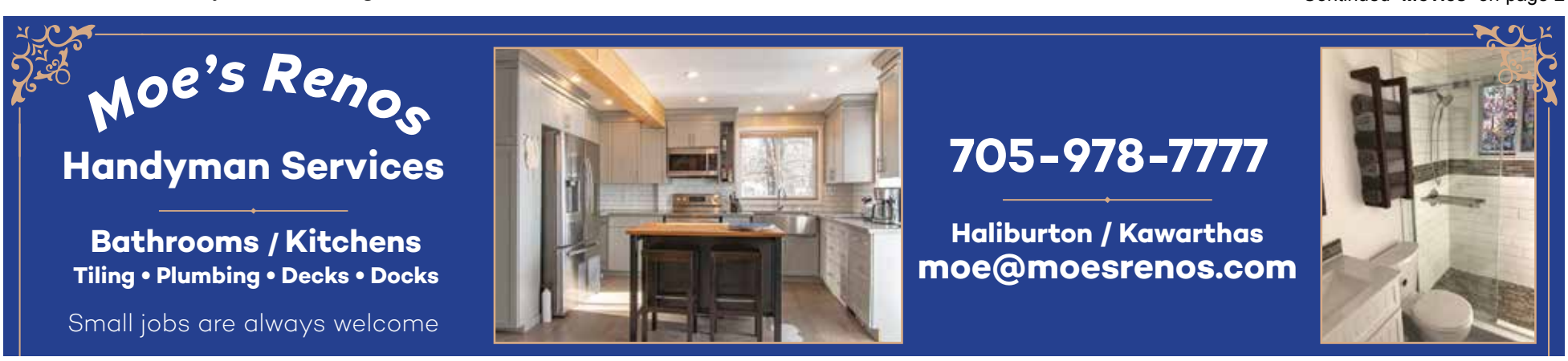

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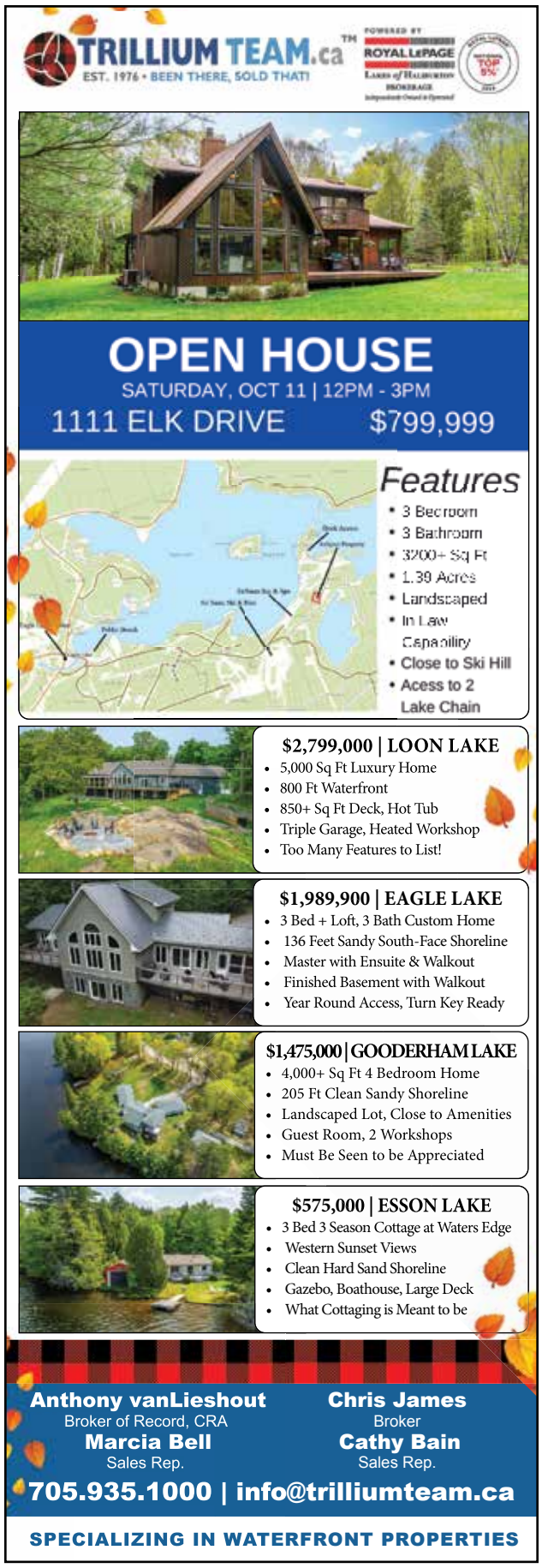
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Executive director Marg Cox is encouraging people to attend a movie event Oct. 11 in Head Lake Park. *File.*

Movies to support the cause

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health/substance use help and primary care.

Cox said when they leased the former HCDC office downtown, it was an experiment to see if the agency should have a main street presence.

"We've decided in the long run, there's just so many synergies to be had and logistics to be saved by bringing us under one roof."

For example, she said having all staff together would easily ensure a second person when needed in a building. "To be able to just leverage way more efficiencies, such as one round of reception services." She added right now, they operate four different water treatment systems, four different heating and cooling systems. "There's clearly the infrastructure synergies to be had."

Cox added families would be able to knock on one door and have an opportunity to receive support for a variety of needs under one roof, and as their families grow.

"It's all looping together to better serve children, youth and families in Haliburton County.

As for next steps, they're close to hiring an architect, with Cox saying, that's when "the rubber hits the road, figuring out the whole design phase."

> *It's all looping together to better serve children, youth and families in Haliburton County.*
>
> ***Marg Cox***

There are many pieces to the puzzle, including the fact the province partially owns 69 Eastern Ave. Point in Time has been working with MPP Laurie Scott's office. Cox said there is a long process to seek ministry approval to sell the property, and then reinvest elsewhere – all within the same fiscal year.

"It's a tricky dance, we're up for the challenge, we just have to get the timing right."

"It's exciting. We still have to roll up our sleeves and finalize actual numbers, but we welcome donations. We are a charitable organization. People can go onto the pointintime.ca website and make a donation and receive an automatic email receipt. We really appreciate the support of individuals and organization and the whole community."

Proceeds from a movie day in Head Lake Park Oct. 11 will go towards the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation and Point in Time Youth Hub. They will screen Paddington Bear at 3 p.m., Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doon at 5:15 p.m. and Superman (2025) at 7:30 p.m. People are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

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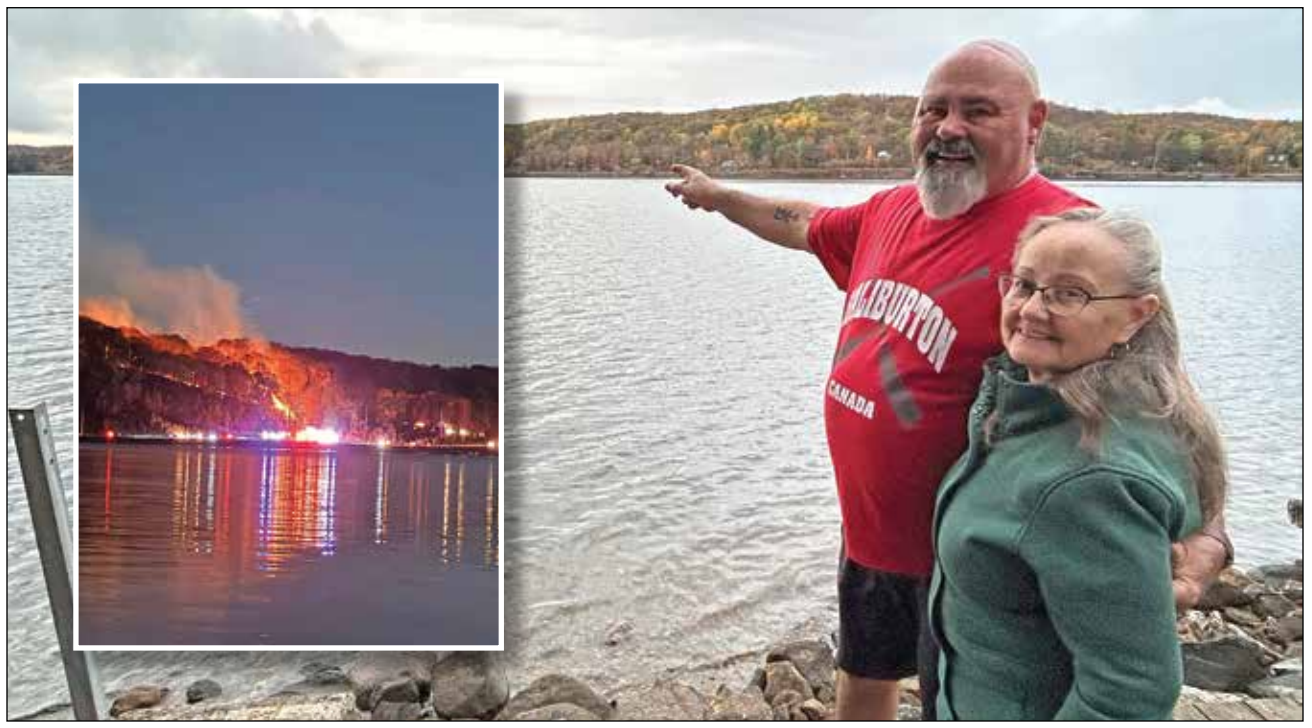


Mike and Cheryl Waller were the first to observe the fire on the south shore of Loon Lake Oct. 6, calling the blaze in to the Dysart Fire Department around 7:45 p.m. *Photo by Mike Baker.* Inset: The fire engulfed trees around a waterfront property off Hwy. 118, scorching approximately five acres on Loon Lake. *Submitted.*

Loon Lake fire contained

By Mike Baker

A quiet evening wasn't on the cards for Mike and Cheryl Waller – or another resident on Loon Lake – this past Monday (Oct. 6) after a small section of brush along the waterfront ignited and quickly spread across five acres of forest.

The Wallers, who live across the lake from the blaze on Victor Neimi Lane, had just sat down on their deck to enjoy some time outside when Cheryl spotted a red glow across the bay.

"At first it looked like brake lights, but then I said 'something strange is going on here'," Cheryl told *The Highlander.*

Mike raced back to the house to grab his binoculars, but in the minute-or-so he was gone the little red flicker had exploded outwards. Mike called the fire in to the Dysart Fire Department at around 7:45 p.m.

The fire hall, located behind A.J. LaRue Arena, is always busy on Mondays – training night for the local department's volunteers. Because many were already on-site, Fire Chief Dan Chumbley said 16 firefighters responded – they were on-scene approximately 12 kilometres away within 15 minutes. Six firefighters also arrived from the Highlands East department.

Mike said he was amazed by the quick response. By the time the first truck arrived, the fire had spread to more greenery surrounding a cottage, creating a horseshoe-like appearance across approximately five acres of land.

"I'm really surprised it didn't get the house, that shocked me. The way it was spreading and how quickly the flames were moving, I thought for sure it was in trouble," Mike said.

Chumbley said high winds quickly moved the fire past the home, causing superficial damage only. Once on-scene, firefighters worked to push the fire up the hill and away from the lake and other neighbouring properties. The fire was deemed under control late evening, when firefighters were pulled off for safety reasons.

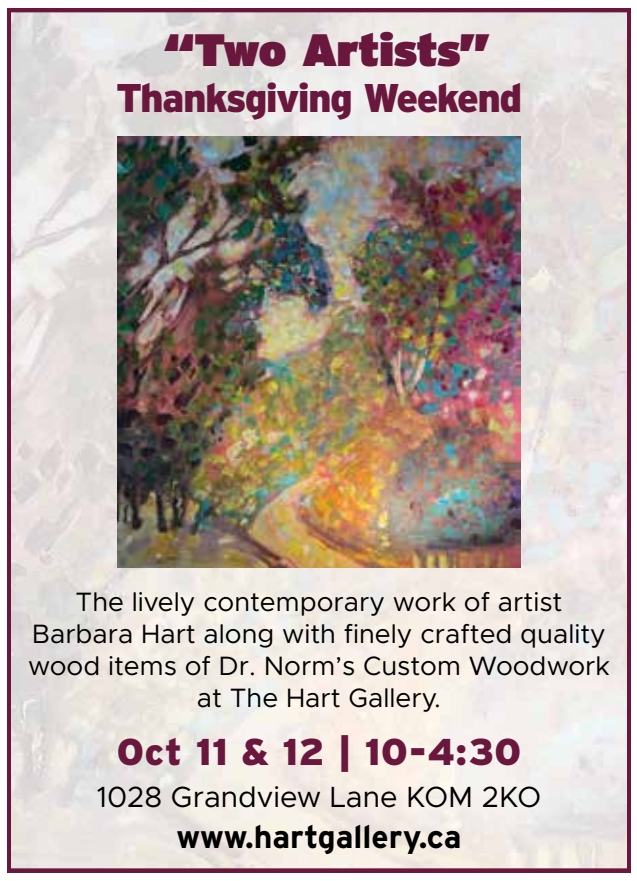
They returned Tuesday morning and extinguished what was left. Chumbley said site clean-up would continue through the week.

In the aftermath, Mike said he's happy he and his wife decided to go outside when they did.

"If we weren't out there, we probably wouldn't have noticed it and the whole area might have been engulfed before anybody else saw it," Mike said. "It was really quick to spread – it was just like how you see it in the movies, but for it to happen in real life and to see how unpredictable the flames could be, it was an amazing thing to see."

Cheryl reserved special praise for the responding firefighters, saying the situation "would definitely have been a lot worse" without their quick intervention.

"They were there all night pumping and were back again in the morning… it was amazing work," she said.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The County of Haliburton met on Oct. 8. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Consultant told housing plan 'deeply unaffordable'

By Lisa Gervais

Told they would have to come up with more than $30 million over 10 years to reduce homelessness in the Highlands, County councillors told City of Kawartha Lakes housing staff, and the consultant hired to do a 'deeply affordable and supportive housing strategy,' the buck stopped with them.

The County politicians did not approve the strategy and related asks during their Sept. 24 meeting. They want a more detailed look at financials before any action is taken.

After the presentation by Jesse Donaldson, of HelpSeeker Technologies, deputy warden Liz Danielsen commented, "at the risk of being a bit cheeky, I would say this is a deeply unaffordable project to put forward to us, and with an extremely tight timeline given how we would lay out financing for this project."

In her report, Donaldson said the County would have to come up with the money for an estimated 86 mixed housing units, as well as rent supplements and prevention supports.

Donaldson did stress throughout her report that the County and its four lower-tier municipalities would have to leverage federal and provincial dollars to meet project goals, as well as potential private sector partners.

She said she spent a week in the County and CKL, finding rents to be higher than she would have thought, and acknowledging an affordability crisis.

Donaldson added the cost of inaction would be high. Countywide, she estimated there would be 309 homeless in 10 years, up from 113, if the status quo remained.

She presented three possible models: inaction, stabilization or reduction, focusing on reduction. In Haliburton, it would mean lowering the homeless number to 25 by 2037, down from 143. She added the cost of homelessness is high for emergency services and supportive housing.

Coun. Murray Fearrey said it was a "big problem" requiring getting at the "root cause.

"The big governments have to step up … they have to put the interest rate down so it's almost zero. We can't do this. We are going to create a whole other level of poverty by putting taxation up so high that people can't stay in their modest homes."

Danielsen added the community needs all types of housing, not just affordable. She said she could not agree to the strategy without seeing the financial projections first, particularly for the County, and the impact on ratepayers. She added she would want to know more about things such as water and sewer capacity in Minden and Haliburton.

CAO Gary Dyke agreed that auxiliary costs for supporting infrastructure were missing from the report.

Coun. Bob Carter added while the federal and provincial governments may chip in, "there is only one taxpayer, whether it's the feds, province, or municipality. It's all coming out of the same pocketbook."

He added there are already 1,400 people on the housing waitlist so this is just part of a bigger picture.

Coun. Cec Ryall said he thought it would be key to attract private sector partners, and Danielsen said they needed to look at prefabricated and tiny homes.

Council accepted the report as information only, requesting financial modeling in 2026.

Two die in accident east of Carnarvon

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a fatal collision on Hwy. 118 in Haliburton County, east of Carnarvon.

On Sunday, Oct. 5, at approximately 11:40 a.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment responded to a serious collision involving a motorcycle and a transport truck. They said the impact caused the truck to catch fire, which was extinguished by fire services at the scene. The driver and passenger of the motorcycle, a 64-year-old female and a 79-year-old male, from Lindsay,w were pronounced deceased at the scene.

The OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) team assisted with the investigation and Hwy. 118 was closed for several hours between Tulip Road and the 25th Line.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage from the area at the time of the incident is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122. To remain anonymous, tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Dr. Brian Doucet doing research in Whistler. *Photo by George Liu.*

Planning prof hopes to instill housing hope

By Lisa Gervais

If Highlands municipalities turned over surplus land for housing initiatives and considered a Haliburton County version of Whistler's worker housing, it would be a start on accommodation challenges, Dr. Brian Doucet will tell attendees at an Oct. 16 housing summit in Minden.

Doucet, a professor for the School of Planning at the University of Waterloo, is the opening speaker. He will also screen his documentary *Thinking Beyond the Market; a film about genuinely affordable housing* the evening before.

In working on the film, he travelled the country, including to smaller communities. He said one of the key themes is local government must be proactive.

"The market's not going to solve this housing issue on its own. It is not going to build enough houses at prices that local people can afford."

He discussed publicly-owned land saying, "I'm sure the County (and the four townships) own land in those communities."

Typically, when land is designated surplus, a township will sell it on the open market to the highest bidder, who then builds the most profitable thing for themselves.

He challenges municipalities "to think more differently and creatively about that land."

He provided two examples. In Kitchener, the city owns a piece of land it has leased to the YWCA. The Y got funding from the province and federal governments to build affordable housing, getting more than 40 homeless women off the streets.

He also talked about the Whistler Housing Authority. It finances, develops, and manages both owner-occupied housing and rental housing. People have to work in Whistler for a qualified company; it has to be their only home. People can buy older, two-bedroom condos for $250,000. When selling, the price has to be based on the consumer price index, not the market. Further, for those who rent, it is geared to income. Three quarters of people who work in the tourist village live there.

Doucet thinks it's a model that would work in Haliburton County.

Queried about some County-specific challenges, such as the need for drilled wells and septics, and no public transportation, Doucet suggested, "even starting small; trying with one lot, one site that a municipality owns.

"If you are going to build and develop something and lease land, you don't have the land costs. Sometimes not having to pay for the land can make more things possible."

Doucet added it isn't just politicians and municipal staff who have to be proactive – but communities.

Where does change come from?

He said the film addresses, "where does this change come from? You do have politicians in communities across the country who champion affordable housing initiatives and think beyond the market. They really work proactively to do things differently and use the resources and levers they have. I acknowledge municipalities are not the be all and end all. They have limited power and resources.

"The change is going to come from people getting organized, angry and passionate, but also demanding solutions.

"If you ask housing researchers, we can tell you the things that would make a big difference. Now, those are hard and a lot of them go against things that have been done for a long, long time."

Fay Martin, on behalf of event organizer, Places for People, said the all-day event is at the Minden Hills Recreation Centre.

She said the closing speakers are Joe and Stephanie Mancini, philanthropic entrepreneurs from Kitchener (and Order of Canada recipients). She said they have engaged with their business peers to build structures that support the service community, as well as housing.

The day will also have County-based panelists. The first panel is 'What Doesn't Stop You'; an update about six local housing projects, with a focus on the impediments they had to overcome.

The second panel is 'Reaching Out and Raising Up', talking about how the County offers integrated assistance "to our vulnerable, in spite of being managed mainly from afar," Martin said.

The event is free and open to the public. There will be a Q&A after each session, and opportunity to network. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., the event starts at 9 a.m. and should be finished by 3:30-4 p.m.

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Septic checks may go in-house

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands is looking to bring its septic reinspection program in-house, with council considering hiring a new full-time staffer to run it.

At its Sept. 18 meeting, council heard from the township's two chief building officials, Greg Moore and Jeff Lewis, who laid out options for the next phase of the septic reinspection program. The first phase was contracted out to consulting and engineering firm WSP, which tested most of the 5,500 systems in the municipality between 2018 and 2024.

The program is slated to start up again next spring and Moore is recommending hiring someone to conduct inspections during the summer and fall and complete all related administrative work, including mailing out remedial actions – such as fines and/or ways to bring systems into compliance – and planning for future years.

The township paid WSP $900,000 – or $128,000 per year - to manage the first phase of the program, with Lewis saying a dedicated inspector could be cheaper, at around $75,000 per year, depending on variables such as number of inspections required to be done annually and implementation of technology.

Mayor Liz Danielsen said she wasn't convinced there'd be enough work to justify making a full-time hire. She asked to see a job description before signing off.

Moore said the inspector could be expected to complete around 1,100 inspections during the busy season and could then take care of all paperwork during the cold-weather months. Previously, that was being done by an existing administrative assistant serving the building and bylaw and planning departments – freeing them up for tasks in those areas.

CAO Angie Bird said the township hasn't had success hiring part-time or seasonal staff before, noting a posting for a summer and fall worker for 2025 drew no applications.

Deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux said she wanted to see the program managed by municipal staff and a database set up clearly showing what class of septic system is used where and their condition.

Lewis said data collected from WSP suggested approximately 63 per cent of systems in Algonquin Highlands are Class 4, consisting of a septic tank and soil absorption system; around 30 per cent are Class 1, 2 or 3 (outhouses and greywater leaching pits); with about five per cent being Class 5, which utilizes large holding tanks that require periodic pumping.

Lewis noted 70 per cent of systems in the municipality are at least 20 years old.

Per staff recommendation, council opted to implement a rolling inspection model, with Moore saying the idea would be to inspect all systems every five years, regardless of age.

Council also decided to scrap its previous billing model, which saw homeowners charged a $200 flat fee for every inspection. Moving forward, the costs will be rolled into the municipality's operating costs, which Danielsen said will likely impact the tax levy.

Residents can choose to have a third-party inspect their system, but they will not be able to request a reduction on their tax levy by going this route. An administrative fee will still be issued to homeowners who fail to show for a booked inspection.

Algonquin Highlands council discussed bringing its septic reinspection program in-house at its Sept. 18 meeting. *File.*

Fletcher Lake landing

Algonquin Highlands is requesting costing estimates from its consultant for several proposed enhancements to the planned Fletcher Lake landing project.

Chris Card, the township's manager of parks, recreation and trails said a questionnaire seeking public feedback on the project garnered 43 responses.

Key recommendations from respondents included addressing issues with the turnaround area, which is deemed too tight; improving parking options; adding a second mooring spot for boats; and installing a community message board.

Since part of the turnaround area is located on Crown land, Card said the township would have to engage with provincial officials to see how much it would cost to lease additional land. He said the province is moving away from land-use agreements for this purpose, so that isn't an option.

Staff is open to the reconstruction featuring a retaining wall, as is currently in place, or a dock, depending on cost. They will also be seeing how much it would cost to install concrete slabs or gravel at the boat launch site – there's currently no additional support, only the natural lakebed.

Some residents are requesting a pump be installed to spray off boats, helping prevent the spread of invasive species from lake-to-lake. Card said that could be expensive as the township would need to install hydro.

"We'd like to take care of each landing as an entire package, so if we have to do something around parking and turnaround space, we have to do that now rather than come back at a future date and have more costs associated," Danielsen said.

Card said he hopes to bring design options and costing back to council in late fall in hopes of finalizing plans and going to tender this year. That way construction can begin next fall, he said.

Camping concerns

Algonquin Highlands is seeking support from other municipalities before it engages with the Ontario government over concerns about reported misuse of Crown land.

Dailloux said residents around Crown and Wolf lakes have raised issue with people staying in RVs or camping on public land for longer than the permitted 21 days and often leave behind waste the residents themselves clean up.

She said residents have complained about having to pay to dispose of the waste at municipal landfills. Danielsen said the municipality has documentation showing complaints on Crown Lake date back to 2008, with township officials meeting with Ministry of Natural Resources staff at least four times to rectify issues.

"The [province's] inability to respond to these concerns is frustrating," Danielsen said. "You have been approached about this issue for years and we want something done about it."

Staff were directed to draft a letter and distribute it to all municipalities in Ontario to garner support.

Public life 'hard... and best job ever'

By Mike Baker

Former Peterborough-Kawartha Member of Parliament Maryam Monsef told a roomful of County residents Oct. 7 they need to find their 'why' before running for political office.

The two-term Liberal MP joined former Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin, who won four elections for the Conservatives between 2004 and 2015, at Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce, offering a peek behind the curtain of what life is like for elected officials.

The event was hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Healthy Democracy Project as part of its 'Voices and Votes' speaker series, aimed at increasing public participation in next year's municipal election.

Monsef was working in the public sector in Peterborough in 2013 when city council wanted to scale back municipal transit. A proposal was brought forward to eliminate all bus routes on Sundays.

"I was raised by a single mom, lived in the west end of the city, went to school in the north end and didn't have a car," Monsef said. "I grew up on the bus."

She mobilized other transit users and successfully lobbied to have the changes shelved. In 2014, she ran for mayor – only because she didn't want to see the incumbent run unopposed. While she didn't win, her campaign served as a springboard for the 2015 federal election.

She sat for two terms and held ministerial positions in rural economic development, international development, democratic institutions, and women and gender equality.

Monsef said her six years in the federal political arena almost broke her, with daily threats and abuse taking a toll.

"At least a third of the people you represent can be angry with you, pretty much all the time. The not-so-great part is the political violence – seeing billboards say crappy things about you, having family read untruths about you because of decisions you made.

"It's the hardest job you can ever do, it will become all-consuming, but as hard as it is, it's also the best job ever… but if you don't have a good enough 'why' then you're going to have a really hard time staying grounded on your worst days," Monsef said.

Devolin said his interest in politics began as a teenager. At 16, he went to the Netherlands as an exchange student and said the experience made him want to become a diplomat.

He got his start at 24, as campaign manager for Arthur Ward in the 1987 provincial election. He ran for the Reform Party in the 1993 federal election, finishing second in his home riding. Devolin then held several senior political staff positions in the Canadian and Ontario governments, before being elected in 2004.

At the provincial and federal level, Devolin said people are playing a team game, but, with one eye on next October's municipal election, he said candidates have more freedom at the local level.

"If you're a bucking bronco, municipal politics might be your thing. You can speak freely and don't have to toe any party line."

Devolin said his goal when getting into politics was to do good things for his community and ascend to become Speaker of the House. He achieved both, feeling his most significant contribution was securing $200 million in upgrades for the Trent Severn Waterway in 2008.

He always saw himself as a "turn the temperature down kind of guy" who wanted to find ways to work with people; though, he knew others who thrived in chaos and controversy.

Former MPs Barry Devolin and Maryam Monsef spoke at a Wilberforce event Oct. 7. *Photo by Mike Baker*

"There's no single way to do public life. If you're committed to it and passionate, there are many different roads to success," Devolin added. "It can be an overwhelming amount of work, but the good kind of work… where you can see the differences you're making in your community."

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Sometimes less is more

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County is somewhat of an enigma: a place with a small permanent population – but a whole lot going on.

Clearly, the place goes off in summer, when our numbers triple or quadruple. You'd be hard-pressed to find a weekend on a Highlands calendar that doesn't at least have one or two things going on.

It's great. We're definitely spoiled for choice. Or … are we?

I stepped into this past Saturday's photography shift when our freelancer had a last-minute work scheduling conflict.

I began my day at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, taking photos of a Highland Storm hockey game that began at 10 a.m.

However, I could not stay for long, as the Golden Gullwater Regatta was kicking off at 10 a.m. at Rotary Park in Minden. This event sees people 50-plus get on their non-motorized watercraft and paddle all the way to Moore Falls. I noticed there were not as many people as in the past.

Then, I charted my course for Haliburton School of Art + Design, for the Great Haliburton Clothing Swap. The college and Dysart et al partner on this initiative to save textiles from the landfill, and offer shoppers a bargain. When I was there, people came and went, but it was never packed.

Then I realized we needed photos from the Studio Tour-Haliburton Highlands, too. I set off again, this time realizing I had to be strategic if I was going to complete all of my photo jobs on the day.

I started at Paradigm Designs on Cane Lane. While I was there, a few folks trickled in. I then headed to ING Studio on Kash. Again, there were a few people, but certainly not packed.

Next up, I headed to Abbey Gardens for its fall festival. And, again, while there were some families attending that event, it was not a madhouse. Abbey Gardens' Angela Kruger acknowledged there were a lot of competing interests on the day.

At this point, I ran out of time to hit up Walkabout Farms Therapeutic Riding Association's fall open house. Thankfully, they sent us some photos. Looked like they had some people, but, again, not overrun. And, there was still a Haliburton County Huskies game at 4 p.m.

Driving home, I thought about how – excluding the hockey – there had been at least four major events on Saturday – not to mention quite a few smaller ones.

I wondered about how many people these events had attracted because there was simply so much going on – not to mention it was a beautiful day that would have kept others at the cottage or on the dock.

It seems to me many of these organizations live in a bubble, somewhat unaware of what others are doing and causing clashes that must certainly be affecting attendance. I get that some people who go to a hockey game will never go on the Studio Tour, but I don't think competing events is necessarily good for any one organization.

It would be helpful if someone – maybe the County's tourism department – took charge of a yearly calendar for the Highlands to ensure that events are better spread out and coordinated so we all get better bang for our buck.

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Choosing a better way of life

By Susan Tromanhauser

As a young man, Tom Needham had a choice; army, jail or leave the U.S.

The Boston, Mass. native made "an easy decision" and moved to Canada. When U.S. president Jimmy Carter granted amnesty to Vietnam draft dodgers, it was a chance for Needham to return home without consequences. It was another no-brainer; he stayed in Canada. To Needham, Canada's "way of life was better."

Needham was a daycare worker and taxi driver before settling into the moving business. He began an accomplished moving company as well as a successful marriage. He admits there have been bumpy times and many compromises in a union of more than 50 years. After all, he was an American raised in the city; his wife a Canadian raised in Haliburton County.

In 2006, Needham sold his business and retired. He admits he is "not a handy guy," and was tired of the effort required to maintain two properties; one in the city and one on the lake. The couple decided to make their Lake Kashagawigamog cottage their permanent home.

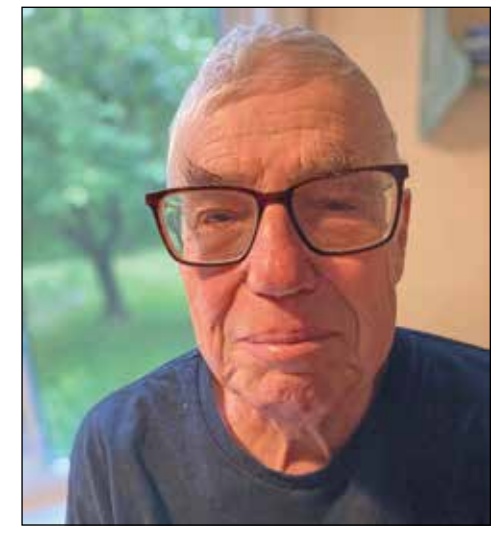
At 79, skiing and sailing are no longer his hobbies. He is now a member of the Haliburton Bridge Club, playing twice a week at Parklane Apartments and the Haliburton Legion. He also volunteers as a driver for HHHS Community Services.

Needham also busied himself this summer at the Haliburton County Farmers Market, holding a sign reading "stop the Genocide in Gaza." His purpose was to engage people in conversation. Like in his younger days, protesting the Vietnam War, Needham wanted to "raise consciousness" about atrocities happening in Gaza. He is careful not to condemn any people, but rather the policies of the Israeli government.

Needham says, "there has not been much media coverage about Gaza." He is encouraging people to become informed and engaged. He suggests writing letters to the prime minister and local member of parliament. "Politicians move when they feel the pressure." He also advises the government to not "stick with the country's traditional alliances when they go bad."

He remembers his opportunity to come to Canada was because the Canadian government did not cooperate with the U.S. regarding draft dodgers, an unpopular decision at the time with the American government.

Right now, he's been joining fellow Canadians cheering on the Toronto Blue Jays. Growing up, he recalls his father's story of witnessing the Boston Red Sox win the World Series in 1917, with Babe Ruth as the pitcher. His father waited 70 years for the championship trophy to return to Boston. Needham is confident the World Series trophy will return to Canada, his adopted home, where he has been free to live his life true to his personal convictions.



Tom Needham is cheering on the Blue Jays. *Submitted.*

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Editorial opinion

LETTER

Issue licences to own a cat

Dear editor,

Haliburton is now discussing the cat problem?

In February, 1961, on a cold, blustery night, I looked out the window as a car stopped at the end of the drive and left. Moments later, a small kitten was screaming at the door; my second rescue after an abused rabbit.

Don at Minden Cat Angels, and Sigrid Sheather from Bobcaygeon, came to see what I had done here at Highlands Cinemas, as they contemplated beginning their quest to save cats. I warned them it can't be solved until the source of the problem is dealt with. I currently have 60 cats. https://www.highlandscinemas.com/cats/

The problem was never the cats, but the people. The people who don't spay and neuter, or tire of them and abandon them. The people who don't keep their cats in and let them run, not mindful of cars, coyotes, fishers and people who don't like them, then poison them.

There is the issue of people dying, or becoming ill. Instead of taking their beloved pet in and caring for it, the people, who inherit the estate, dump the animal. For example, in one case, the woman went to the nursing home and the family dumped the 11-year-old cat on the street, and sold the house.

The solution is really quite simple. Require people to be licensed to own a pet. Require the pet be neutered and microchipped. Require the pet be kept in or have access to a suitable pen as we have here.

Fund someone to deal with strays, and adopt them out. Help subsidize low-cost spay and neuter. No one is allowed to advertise free kittens and no pet store can sell cats for profit. Require people inheriting estates to look after pets until they die naturally, or they forfeit their inheritance. Provide and enforce penalties for non-compliance.

End of problem.

Keith W. Stata,
Kinmount

County's double standard

Dear editor,

When I read that Haliburton County announced its intent to court "big-name hotels and other investors" on Oct. 2, I practically choked.

Sure, residents are being told it is about growth and prosperity. Yet beneath that optimism lies a contradiction that strikes at the core of fair and lawful governance.

Section 106 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* expressly prohibits municipalities from directly or indirectly assisting commercial or industrial enterprises through bonuses or incentives. That means no below-market land deals, no fee exemptions, and no taxpayer-funded perks disguised as "partnerships." These provisions exist to prevent using public resources to advance private profit.

Despite this, the County's Draft Investment Attraction Plan pledges to "actively promote Haliburton Highlands as a place where investors can succeed" and to create a "concierge program" offering one-on-one assistance, tailored studies, and branded materials such as *Why Haliburton for Hotels*. That branding goes well beyond neutral promotion. It is a publicly-financed service designed to support private gain, inconsistent with both the letter and spirit of section 106.

The irony is striking. The same County that now portrays short-term rentals as "unstable" in its investment rhetoric has also regulated local STR homeowners as "businesses." They are compelled to pay licensing fees, undergo inspections, and have their names and civic addresses published on a public map (without informed consent). Yet, when residents request records about their own properties, they are denied, with municipalities citing privacy exemptions.

This double standard reveals a troubling pattern: open doors for investors, closed ones for residents. Sections 224 and 270 of the *Municipal Act* require accountability and transparency, not selective enforcement.

Haliburton's strength lies not in branded hotels but in its people, homeowners, tradespeople, and small entrepreneurs who live, work, and invest here year-round. Let us support them better first.

Krystle Shannon
Highlands East

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

A green frog near Grass Lake captured by cottager Ashlee Gross.

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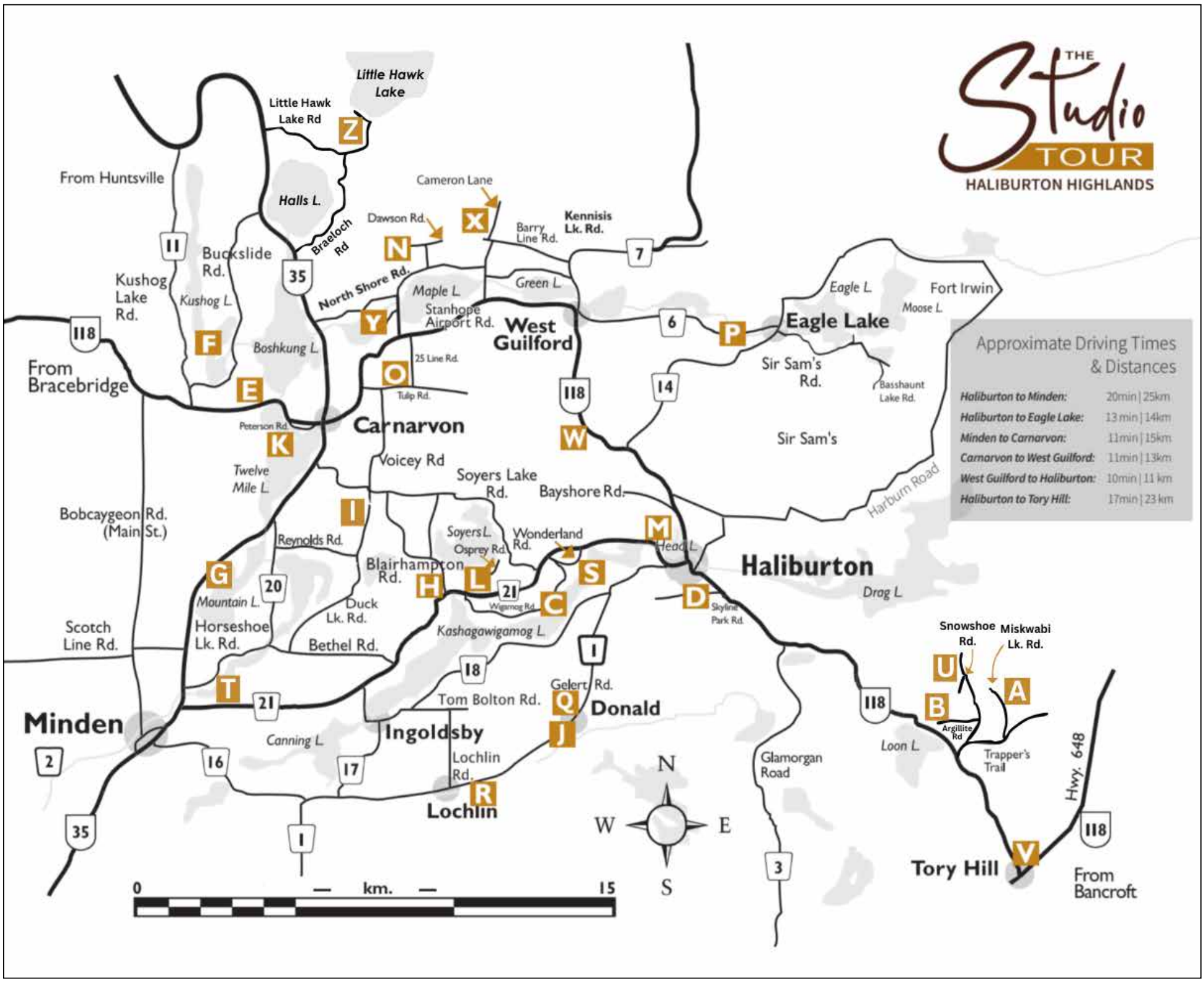

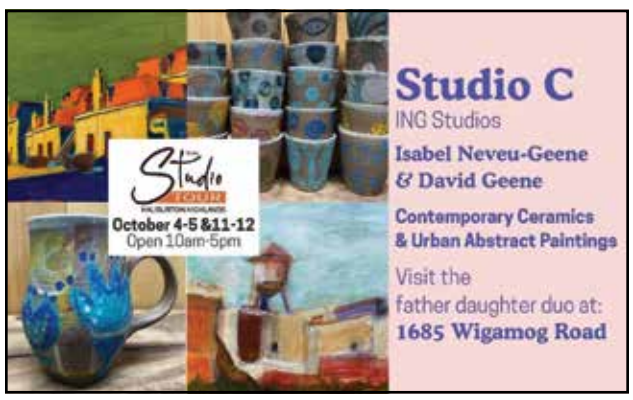

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The Studio Tour

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Now in its 38th year, The Studio Tour-Haliburton Highlands is underway. It kicked off Oct. 4-5 and continues Oct. 11-12. This year is the largest Studio Tour in history, offering visitors a unique and unforgettable experience by allowing them to tour the Haliburton Highlands and witness the vibrant autumn colours while visiting 26 studios, featuring 46 artists. There's pottery, jewelry and glass, paintings, woodworking, metal, and more. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top: David Geene shows one of his acrylics to Dianne Jones. Bottom left: Susan Watson Ellis works on jewelry at Paradigm Designs. Bottom right: Barbara Hepburn admires a necklace at the Paradigm Studios shop.
Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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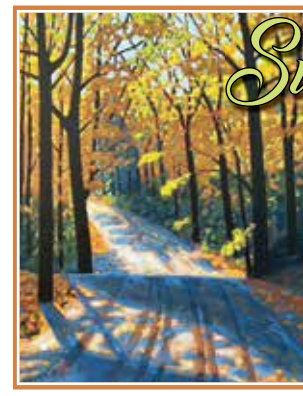

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Highlander arts

Walkthrough art at sculpture forest

By Mike Baker

World-renowned sculptor George Hart believes mathematics and art go hand-in-hand, utilizing both last week while working with students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) and the Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD) to create a new piece for the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

The hyperboloid structure was carefully and meticulously designed by Hart over a period of several months, with students helping to piece it together Oct. 2 and 3. The metal rods keeping it together were welded in-place by Marc Puigmarti, a former HSAD instructor, with the finished product installed at the sculpture forest Oct. 4.

Jim Blake, curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, said Hart's creation is an interactive installation – encouraging the community to check and test it out in-person.

"This really is a one-of-a-kind addition to the forest," Blake said. "When George and his wife, Elizabeth, came up in the spring I thought we were going to get one of his big sphere-like sculptures that he's known for, but on their drive up they pivoted and suggested something like that wouldn't have the right kind of impact in an outdoor space. We had talked before, I had said the best pieces are the ones people can engage with, so he came up with this design that people can walk through."

Left: Electra Moshenko, a Grade 11 student at Hal High, takes direction from visiting artist George Hart for a new piece high school and college students assisted on for the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Right: People walking through the new structure, Quadratic Whisper. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

Hart has more than 100 public sculptures on display around the world, mostly at post-secondary institutions, such as MIT, Berkeley and Princeton universities in the U.S., Queen's University in Kingston, Middlesex University in the U.K., Aalto University in Finland, and the Polytechnic University of Valencia in Spain.

The display in Haliburton is likened to a bamboo hyperboloid he completed for the University of British Columbia a few years ago, though Blake said this was the first time the artist had used metal to complete this style of build.

Blake said the structure, named Quadratic Whisper, has been in the works for about a year – after he met Hart in Haliburton in summer 2024.

"His wife was doing a course here and George came with her, he brought a piece for the faculty show and it was really incredible. His pieces look so simple, but the math and planning involved is so detailed," Blake said.

Asked how he's been able to mesh two fields most would deem opposites, Hart said it's something he's been doing his entire life.

"They both involve creative problem-solving, appreciating beauty and different kinds of aesthetics," Hart said. "Math looks at patterns and different types of structures and the relationships between things, but so does art."

Blake said it was a good opportunity for the 25 HSAD and 15 HHSS students in attendance to work alongside someone at the peak of their field.

Hart led a workshop Oct. 3 helping students to design their own hyperboloid model.

"It's our job to educate the next generation, to get people to see the beauty of math, appreciate the cultural enrichment you can find in art and see the connection between the two," Hart said.

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Excited to bring Dini Petty back to TV

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton's Kate Campbell is proud of the work she has done to bring the television series *Trailbazing Talks with Dini Petty* to screens beginning Oct. 13.

"I'm so excited to have this out in the world and to be leading the way with her. It's a perfect synergy," Campbell said in a phone interview from Niagara on the Lake Oct. 2.

Campbell was introduced to Petty through a mutual friend in 2018 or 2019. She was keen to meet her as Petty had been a pilot flying out of Buttonville Airport "in the day." Campbell's grandmother was also a pilot. Campbell invited Petty to be a part of her short film, *Boundless*, released in 2021.

"Dini has been a huge source of inspiration to me over the years - not only as a pioneering broadcaster and a pilot, but as a woman unafraid to speak the truth," said Campbell, who is creator, showrunner and executive producer. She added, "to collaborate with her on *Trailblazing Talks* is a full-circle moment, and I feel honoured to help carry forward her legacy and bring her voice and presence back to audiences in a new way."

It's been intense working on the premiere and the series. She likens it to a masterclass and jokes her brain is fried from the things that she has learned; such as negotiating contracts.

Kate Campbell and Dini Petty and crew celebrate the first show. *Submitted.*

"I had those skills before, but this is like on steroids, which is great. It's required levelling up. You're throwing yourself in the fire and going 'ok, I really want this to happen and I want to learn and grow through this and I believe in it, so how are we going to find solutions to all of the many problems?' It was a lot of blood, sweat and tears."

Though only 44, Campbell talks about her legacy, and leaving the world a better place than when she arrived. She thinks the new series contributes to that.

"I created this for an older person to host. I want to see more older women in the mainstream."

She added the majority of feedback they are getting is that it is comforting for people to have Petty back on television "with the craziness that is going on in the world."

"Having a woman from their past sharing her perspective in a public way and being visible again makes people feel safe and comfortable."

She added when they filmed in a St. Catharines studio at night the audience was "captivated by interesting conversation."

Petty said, "at this point in my life, I am drawn to deeper conversations about resilience, courage, and the true cost of leadership. *Trailblazing Talks* is about honouring those who dared to lead and reminding us that it is never too late to step forward with purpose"

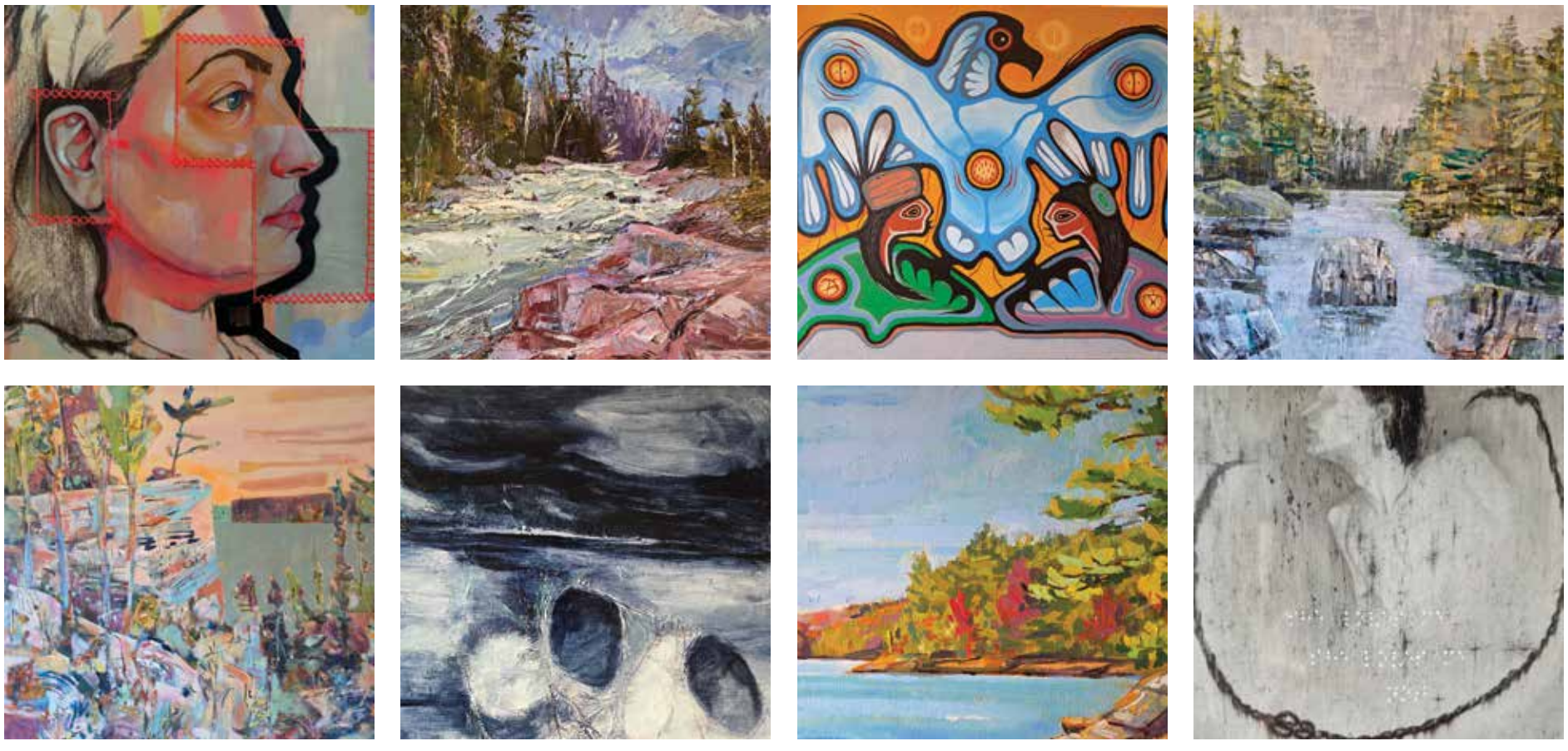
When the show airs Thanksgiving night, Campbell said they will hold a viewing party.

"It's the first hour of TV I've been a director and show runner of … with more episodes to come."

Petty had nothing but praise for Campbell.

"Kate is one of the most creative, energetic, brilliant women I've met in a long time. She is tireless. She's been going 24/7 for I don't know how long on this project. She just doesn't stop. Meeting Kate has been one of the pieces of good fortune in my life."

The one-hour television event airs Monday, Oct. 13 at 9 p.m. on The News Forum network and on thenewsforum.ca. It features Tonya Williams, and Olympic gold medalist and Senator Marnie McBean. Channel numbers are different for each TV provider, so the fastest way to find them is by checking your on-screen guide. Featured channels: Bell Satellite: Channel 506; Rogers: Channel 107; Shaw Direct: Channel 253 and Telus: Channel 842



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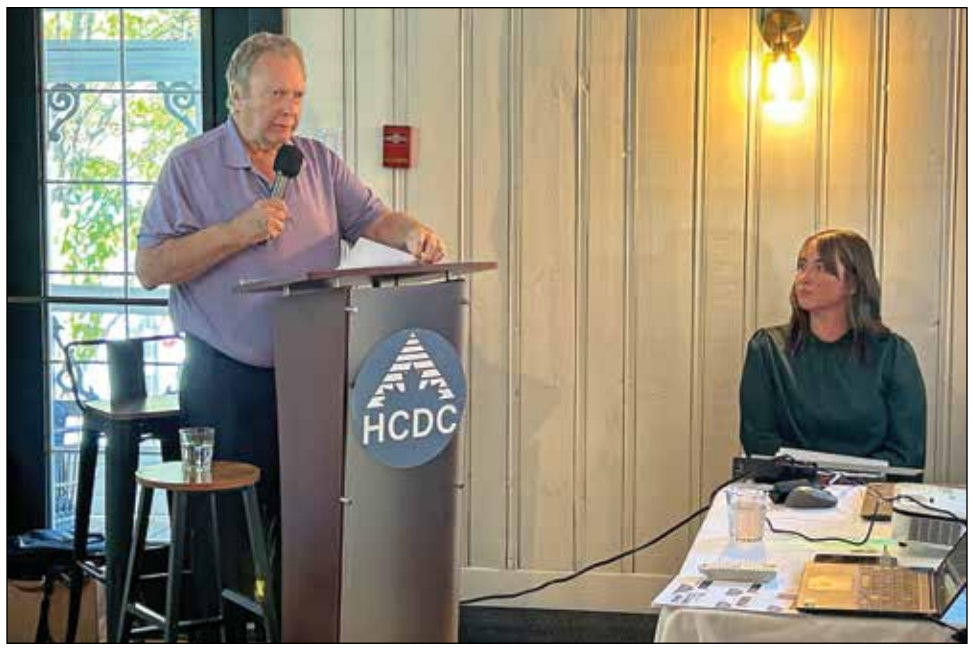

Left: HCDC board chair Pat Kennedy led proceedings at the organization's 40th annual general meeting Oct. 2, pictured with Sara Joanu. Right: Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve managing director, Malcolm Cockwell, provides an update on his company's operations. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

HCDC marks 40 years supporting business

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) has retained its position as the number one community investment firm in Canada, boasting a portfolio of $23.6 million in local assets.

The organization celebrated its 40th anniversary last week, holding its annual general meeting at the Bonnie View Inn Oct. 2. There, HCDC loans manager Sara Joanu said the corporation approved 37 of 54 funding applications during the 2024-25 fiscal year, dishing out over $6.2 million.

Joanu said the money helped to support 263 jobs in the County.

"The majority of our applications were people looking to start something on their own that they wouldn't be able to do without the support of HCDC," Joanu said, noting most big banks don't finance business start-ups.

Joanu said HCDC has 146 active loans totalling over $18 million, with $5.5 million cash in the bank. She said the corporation's average interest rate on its loans is 8.3 per cent.

Since launching in 1985, Joanu said HCDC has disbursed 2,410 loans totalling more than $115 million to County-based entrepreneurs, with an average loan size of about $48,000.

"Since the initial capitalization of $2.5 million from Industry Canada, we have earned interest of over $23 million. Over those years, we have written off $3.3 million and been able to maintain a loan loss rate of 2.9 per cent, which I think speaks volumes to the success of our business sector and how well we work with them through difficult times," Joanu said.

Andy Campbell, one of HCDC's founding members, provided some further history. He said he was hired by the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce to secure federal money through a local employment assistance development program, which was set up to encourage job creation in rural areas.

He had to navigate conversations with figureheads from 16 townships at the time, though, 18 months later, HCDC was born.

"And here we are 40 years later, still going strong," Campbell said.

Executive director Patti Tallman said HCDC is more than an investment firm, she said staff also specialize in providing free business services and advice to people looking to start or grow a business. They also work with non-profits and provide in-kind work through the local initiatives (LIP) and community economic development (CED) programs.

Through business services, HCDC assisted 224 companies and non-profits. Staff also developed and updated four strategic plans through CED. It assisted the Eagle Lake Women's Society to install historical panels at Eagle Lake beach and provided support for a local newspaper digitization project, with an online searchable archive of all known local news sources launching Oct. 22.

Elisha Barlow, program and operations coordinator, said HCDC supported 24 projects with 103 partners through LIP last year, donating just under $66,000, leveraging another $186,000, and facilitating in-kind contributions of $126,000 for a total impact of $378,000.

Some of the projects supported include a $4,500 redevelopment of Razzamataz Kids' Shows website; a $4,000 community-engagement art project through Rails End Gallery; a $4,000 investment to improve Central Food Network's communications; $3,500 to the Buckslide Blues Society to help plan a music festival; and $4,000 to U-Links for the creation of a housing study for Haliburton County.

Tammy Rea, owner of Sticks and Stones Productions, said her business got its start thanks to a $1,500 CED grant in 2006. She used the money to launch a local 48-hour film challenge, where participants had two days to make a movie. The project ran over six weeks and included professional tutorials with screenwriters and lighting/sound specialists, attracting about a dozen entries.

Of the people who joined, several have gone on to have careers in the movie industry, including Brad Brown of Upside Brown Production Services; Chris King, a sound engineer who has worked on features like *Schitt's Creek*, *The Handmaid's Tale* and *Women Talking;* and Darlene Buckingham, who created a documentary on uranium that has been a regular feature at a Brazilian film festival.

Malcolm Cockwell of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, which has benefitted from several HCDC programs through the years, Barb Bolin, a former HCDC board and committee member, and County warden Dave Burton also spoke about the difference the corporation has made in the Highlands.

"HCDC's efforts have positioned Haliburton County as a place where entrepreneurs feel supported, creativity is nurtured, and collaboration leads to lasting results. HCDC has been there every step of the way for thousands of people," Burton said. "The impacts go beyond business and the economy, HCDC has strengthened the fabric of our region for many, many years."

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Anxiety to action one plant at a time

By Simon Payn

I don't know about you, but I often feel anxious these days. It seems the world is going in the wrong direction and there's nothing I can do about it.

That sounds like the start of a miserable article, doesn't it? But fear not, there's a bright side coming.

But first, the anxiety. Psychologist Renee Lertzman says we're suffering from an unprocessed grief over the destruction of the natural world. She calls it environmental melancholia. Because it's unprocessed, we feel paralyzed and powerless, blocked from taking action.

Instead, we do as I did, which was to doomscroll the bad news, feeling worse and worse without doing anything about it. It's easy to attend webinars and read stories in the *Toronto Star*, to get what's going wrong and yet to be stuck.

We're overwhelmed. Do we start by emailing our MPP about new highways or our councillors about shorelines? Then what do we do about the oil sands, the decisions made in Washington D.C., or in Beijing or Jakarta?

That's not to say we're all powerless about everything. We do take action on some things. We go to the dentist with a toothache. Or perhaps more relevant, we fight for the well-being of someone we know and love.

The key to agency

And this is where I got thinking. I can't stop biodiversity loss globally, but I can do my bit in the Haliburton Highlands. I can deal with a toothache and I have enough get-up-and-go to do what my friend needs me to do.

This is the golden key to agency. I was able to unlock my paralysis and actually do something. I had power in my small patch of the world. For me, it was starting a business that helped people introduce native plants to their homes and cottages, and to advocate for a more grounded (ha!) approach to landscaping.

I'm not the first person to look at native plants this way. The godfather of all this is Douglas Tallamy, who for years has said we as homeowners can create what he calls a Homegrown National Park. All our patches of biodiversity add up to something big. While your six milkweeds might seem like nothing, add thousands of other milkweeds and we're getting somewhere.

A 2009 study by Tallamy in Pennsylvania found native landscapes supported four times more caterpillars than conventional landscaping. Even more striking: bird species of conservation concern were eight times more abundant on native properties.

So I took courses with the University of Guelph and the best practitioners in this field. More importantly, I ripped out the lawn at Lucas House in Haliburton and put native plants in the ground.

Despite the deer, I saw biodiversity come back. I noticed wasps, grasshoppers and birds and, yes, lots of Monarch butterflies. I made a difference.

My clients see it too, like the one who was surprised to see a Monarch up near Haliburton Lake.

Sometimes I think the world is stacked against agency. When the seats of power are too distant or too rich, or when we're shamed for speaking out or letting the grass grow too long, we get our agency put back in a box.

But all it takes is one native plant. Whether you buy it from Haliburton Micromeadows or you ask me at Grounded to install and maintain a flowerbed, shoreline, or all the landscaping around your cottage, you've claimed agency back.

Then when you walk into your planting next July and clouds of insects emerge, or you see that Monarch on the milkweed, you smile and start to feel part of the world rather than a mere observer. And who knows in what ways you'll help the planet and the creatures that live on it turn a corner?

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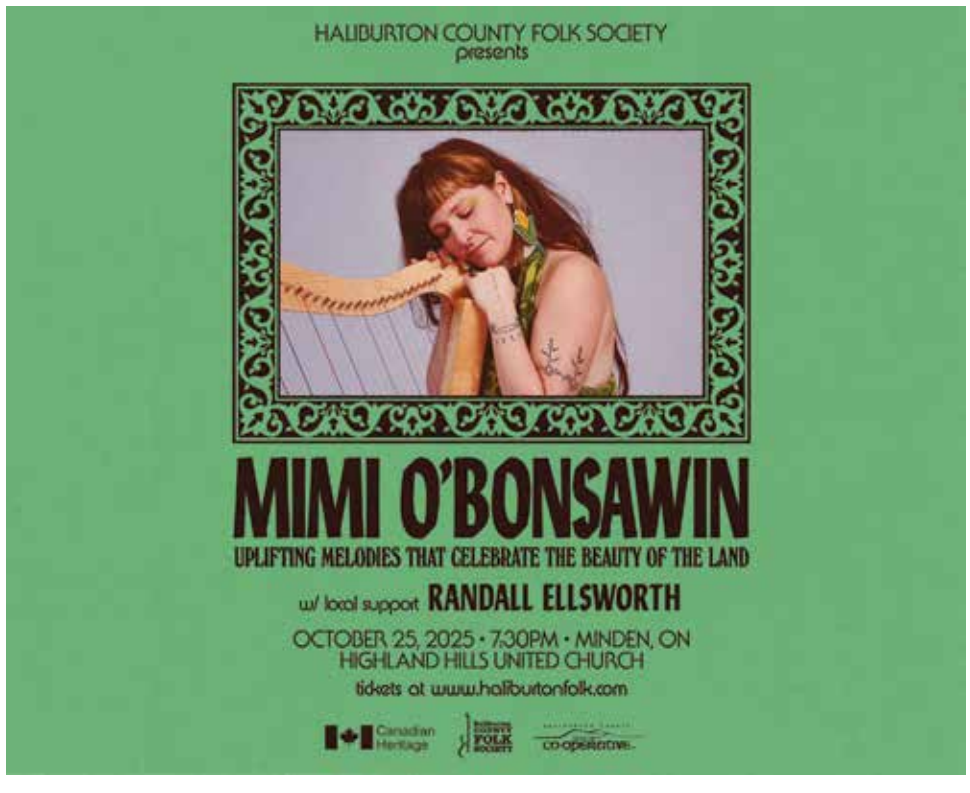
Glecoff's Family Store in Haliburton turned 30 this past weekend, celebrating three decades in business with an in-store celebration Oct. 4. There was a community party in the morning, featuring cake and other tasty treats; a raffle with prizes including Haliburton-branded clothing; photos frames and home décor; Anolon cookware; and Starfrit hot dog steamer. Store owner Clay Glecoff said the event was a great way to mark 30 years in the community. "Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us. Thank you for all your support throughout the years," Glecoff said. *(Mike Baker)*

Above: Andy and Sandra Glecoff, who founded the eponymous store in 1995, get ready to cut the cake with Amy and Clay Glecoff, who manage the store today. *Photos submitted.*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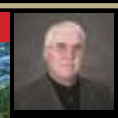

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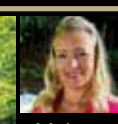

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Sustainable threads

Clothes shoppers dropped into the Great Hall at Haliburton School of Art and Design Oct. 4 for the Great Haliburton Clothing Swap. It's an initiative between Dysart et al and the college. People dropped off clean and gently-used clothing and accessories at the college. It then opened its makeshift clothing store this past Saturday where people could come and pick up items for free. It was all about textile reuse and diverting from landfills. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Haliburton School of Art and Design's operations and programming manager, Erin Lynch (right), and Dysart et al environmental manager, Ashley Dembinski, at the Great Haliburton Clothing Swap Oct. 4. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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Highlander events

It's golden

These kayakers hit the Gull River Oct. 4 as part of the third annual Golden Gullwater Regatta. Golden aged, 50-year-old and up, paddlers hit the river for an 18km paddle from Minden to Moore Falls, via the Gull River and Gull Lake. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

• *Haycock: One Family's Canvas of Canada* will be on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until Saturday, November 15.

• A screening of *A Return to Memory* (2024) on Thursday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m. This documentary explores the contributions of women who helped shape Canadian cinema during World War II through the stories of pioneering filmmakers. Presented in partnership with the Haliburton County Public Library and NFB.

• The Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village and Nature's Place will close for the season on Saturday, October 11.

COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

• October 9 – Regular Council Meeting

• October 30 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• Volunteers needed to assist with the outdoor rink at the Cultural Centre. Please contact John Daignault at 705-286-1936 ext 550 or email at jdaignault@mindenhills.ca.

• Thank you to the Minden Horticultural Society for all their efforts with the gardens throughout Minden Hills!

• Parks, Trails and Boat Launches will not be maintained starting Friday October 24.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year's Fire Prevention Week (October 5-11) is focused on Lithium-Ion Battery Safety.

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• Never charge devices while sleeping or unattended.

• Store and charge e-bikes, scooters, and hoverboards away from exits — a fire could block your way out.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The following Township of Minden Hills offices will be closed on Monday, October 13, 2025, to celebrate the Thanksgiving.

• Municipal Administration Office (7 Milne St.)

• Fire Hall Administration Office (12418 Hwy. 35)

• Minden Hills Cultural Centre (176 Bobcaygeon Rd.)

• SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena (55 Parkside St.)

All waste disposal sites will be open on and will operate on Sunday hours.

Our offices and facilities will resume regular hours on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

BID OPPORTUNITY

The Township of Minden Hills currently has the following tender available:

• RFP BB-25-002 For the Provision of a Prefabricated Building for the Lochlin Community Centre Site (submission deadline October 21, 2025, at 12:00 PM).

See Bid Opportunities on our website for more information.

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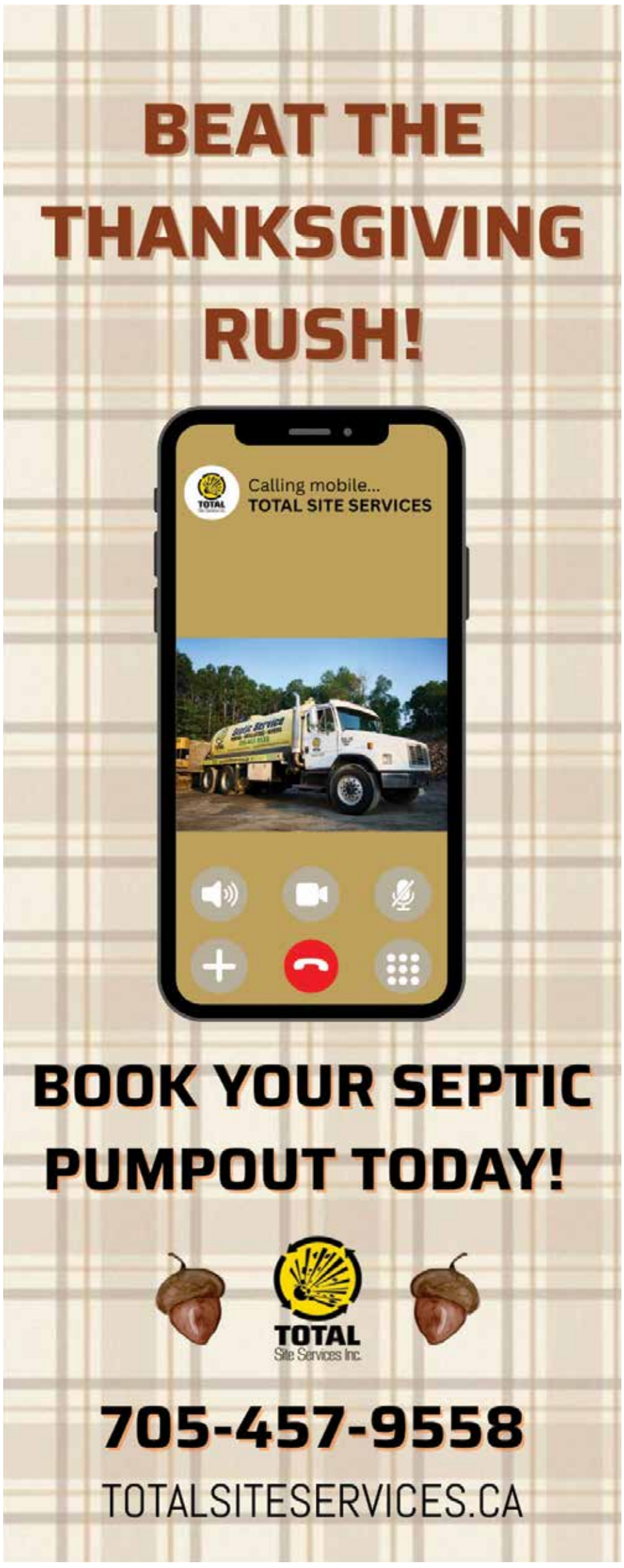

Horseplay allowed

Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association held its annual Fall Festival in Minden Oct. 4. Hosting people at their family's acreage on Spring Valley Road, Walkabout owner Jennifer Semach said there was a strong turnout as visitors participated in pumpkin painting, tried to find buried treasure in a sand pile, enjoyed self-guided walks around the property's trails and got up close and personal with the farm's therapy horses. Fundraising has seen a "dramatic drop" over the past year, which Semach said will impact program delivery, with the free Friendship Fri'YAY's cancelled. *(Mike Baker)*

Top: Savannah and Isaac Marles and Evie and Maddie Duguay enjoyed decorating their own pumpkins. Second: Erika Hoare, Ella Gervais and Tony Taylor pose with Walkabout therapy horses Julia, Jennifer and Valentino. Third: Jordie McTavish enjoys a moment with Jennifer, the newest arrival to the Walkabout program. Bottom left: The Marles have fun bathing one of the therapy horses. Bottom right: Smiles all around as these two search for buried treasure. *Photos submitted.*

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Rome's ability to read the play and counter with strong defensive and offensive plays led him to not only keep the puck in the offensive zone, but also setting up the play with three assists.

First star, Nolan Carpenter, heads up ice on the way to scoring a goal. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Storm crush Stars 13-2 in season-opener

The Highland Storm U11 Tom Prentice and Sons Rep team took to the ice for its home opener Saturday morning, Oct. 4, against the Newcastle Stars.

The team started strong; within only the first few minutes they had the first goal of the game. It was the first of many for the Storm as they kept the momentum and goals coming throughout all three periods.

From the first moment the team took to the ice at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, the forwards did their job getting to the net and setting up plays. The defence ensured they backchecked and kept the puck in the offensive zone. On those rare moments when the play was in the Storm's end, their goalie ensured the puck stayed out of the net.

From first period puck drop, they passed, played hard, and came together as a team. The outcome of all of their hard work was a final score of 13-2 Storm.

This was a great first game and only the beginning of a great season. *(Submitted)*

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U11 Rep Tom Prentice & Sons vs Newcastle 13-2 W

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U18 Rep Haliburton TimberMart vs Kawartha 5-1 L

Oct. 5
U13 LL Casey's Water Wells and Geothermal vs Durham 3-1 L

U15 LL The Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House vs Durham 10-5 L

U15 Rep Cheryl Smith RE/MAX took part in the Kris Clement - South Muskoka Tournament this weekend and brought home the title of 'A' finalists.

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Getting fired up

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Above: Minden Rotary members and friends during a wood worker's bee. *Submitted.*

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Patrick Saini is having his no. 75 jersey retired by the Haliburton County Huskies Oct. 11 following his five years of service to the organization. *File.*

Huskies to raise jersey of greatest-ever player

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies is honouring its "greatest-ever player" Oct. 11, retiring the number 75 jersey that, for years, was synonymous with former team captain Patrick Saini.

The 22-year-old forward played four seasons for the franchise – one in Whitby and three in Haliburton County – racking up 256 points in 218 Ontario Junior Hockey League games. He was named team captain for his final season in 2023-24 where he scored 44 goals and recorded 50 assists for 94 points – all single-season team records. He's also the franchise leader for total points.

"There will never be another Patrick Saini – his loyalty, work-ethic and character are second to none. As a player he was a dream to coach, highly-skilled, always wanting to learn," General manager Ryan Ramsay said.

"Honestly, this is the easiest decision [team owner] Paul Wilson and I have had to make. No disrespect to the other players we've had, but there's nobody else who even comes close to the kind of impact Patty made during his time as a Husky. If we were going to do this, he's the only person it makes sense for," he added.

Ramsay said he's known Saini since he was 15, when he got his start with Whitby. Over the years, Saini had interest from lots of teams, including in the Ontario Hockey League and from other top OJHL franchises. His commitment to his first junior club never wavered, though.

"He could have signed with [the] Flint Firebirds in the OHL, but he wanted a scholarship to play NCAA. He stuck with us and kept coming back, despite having lots of other options," Ramsay said.

Following Saini's freshman OJHL season in Whitby, Ramsay and Wilson opted to move the franchise to Haliburton County. The GM said he spent hours convincing the team's returning players to follow the team north, but not Saini.

His dedication to the Huskies continues even now – Ramsay said Saini was one of the coaches helping at the organization's summer hockey camp for kids.

"That kid bleeds blue and white and if anyone deserves something like this, for all they've given to a junior hockey team, it's Patrick Saini," Ramsay said.

The forward, now plying his trade for Adrian College in the NCAA in the U.S., will be honoured prior to Saturday's home tilt against the Pickering Panthers. Speaking to *The Highlander* from his home base in Michigan, Saini said he's excited to get back to Haliburton County.

He said he found out about the jersey retirement during his final week coaching at camp, saying it's one of the greatest honours of his young life.

"Obviously a big surprise – it's never anything I expected to happen. I still can't really believe it is happening," Saini said. "Haliburton means the world to me; it'll always be my second home. I had some of the best years of my life there playing for the Huskies. I feel like that's where I really grew up and became the man I am today."

He's preparing for his sophomore season with Adrian. Last year, as a rookie, he put up 22 points in 29 games. He was also recognized as an All-American for his academic exploits, majoring in criminal justice and minoring in psychology.

Saini said he's been back in camp for a few weeks now, with the NCAA schedule kicking off later this month. He made sure this weekend was an open one as he wasn't going to miss attending the ceremony. He'll be there on game day with his parents and two sisters.

"It will be my first time seeing a Huskies game from the other side of the glass," Saini said.

The forward still aspires to go pro – something Ramsay believes he can achieve.

"He definitely has a shot. Players have all sorts of different paths," said Ramsay, who played 11 seasons as a pro player – three in the American Hockey League and eight in Europe.

"If he keeps growing as a hockey player, becomes thicker, stronger and faster, then you never know. You literally never know when someone can get their big break, or where that will come," he added. "I've always said, any team that has two or three Patty Saini's is going to win a whole lot of hockey games."

Puck drop Oct. 11 for the Huskies tilt with the Panthers is 4 p.m. The team comes into the game on a high after snapping a seven-game losing skid with a 7-3 win over the Cobourg Cougars Oct. 6. Ryan Gosse and Connor Hollebek each had three points, propelling the Huskies to victory.

Highlander events

Celebrating fall at the pit

Mother Nature put on a treat as Abbey Gardens held its annual Fall Festival Oct. 4. Kids decorated Halloween cookies, made crafts, and visited a harvest midway with games and a bouncy castle. They searched for scavenger hunt clues, savoured fall treats and, of course, took wagon rides to the pumpkin patch to pick the perfect pumpkin to take home. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top: Layla and Beckham Lambert sit on hay bales with pumpkins. Second: Alyssa Hinkel makes candy apples. Third: Chase Brown tosses a ball at some painted cans. Bottom: Ellie Reid tries her hand at some ring toss. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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Tuesdays: Games and cards night starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Fun darts at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Remembrance Hall. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. with a 7 p.m. start time, Remembrance Hall. Snack bar available from 5:30 p.m. – French fries and hot dogs available while supplies last.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month, ladies auxiliary meeting last Thursday of the month.
Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards. 50/50 draw at 5 p.m., tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom. Board games for seniors from 10 a.m. to noon.
Saturdays: Open only for special events

Clubroom hours: Monday 3-9 p.m., Tues 5-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday closed.

Upcoming events: Drum circle Nov. 16, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, with a 1 p.m. start time.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Thursday with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.
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Weekly activities:
Karaoke: call for dates
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce

Monday: open 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 13, 20 and 27 is darts $5/player 7 p.m.
Tuesday: closed, special events only
Wednesday: open 2 to 10 p.m. October. 15, 22 and 29 Darts $4/player 2 p.m.; Quick Supper Menu changes weekly $10, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Cribbage league 6:30 p.m. – sign up at the Legion
Thursday: open 2 to 10 p.m. Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30 Horseshoes $5/player 7 p.m. Oct. 9 and 23 HHHS Social Rec 10 a.m.
Friday: open 2 to 11 p.m. Oct. 17 and 31is fish and chips, one piece $15, two piece $20 . Oct. 10 and 24 Community Care 55+ Lunch $17, at noon; Wings and Jam Session $15/pound from 5 to 8 p.m.
Saturday: open 2 to 9 p.m. Oct. 18, Pop-up darts supplies sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Horseshoes tournament at 11 a.m. cost is $20 per person; Open mic from 2-6 p.m.; Meat draw at 3 p.m.; Trivia night at 7 p.m., $5 per player
Oct. 25, Halloween karaoke party, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sunday: closed, special events only. Oct. 19, LA Breakfast from 9-11 a.m. Cost is $10 per person.

EVENTS

Registration for youth curling at the Haliburton Curling Club is now open. The league begins Oct. 28 and runs every Tuesday through to March, from 4-6 p.m. Cost is $60 for the season and includes use of all basic equipment. Application forms available at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School or by contacting Russ Duhaime at 705-457-0497.

SIRCH Community Services is preparing for its annual Share the Warmth program, a County-wide initiative ensuring everyone has access to coats, boots, hats and other winter gear. Clean and gently-used gear can be dropped off between Oct. 9 and 30 in Haliburton at Foodland, Todd's Independent, Glecoff's, and Home Hardware, and in Minden at Dollo's Foodland, Home Hardware, St. Paul's Anglican Church and Valu-Mart. Giveaway events are at St. Paul's in Minden Nov. 8, SIRCH Bistro and Bakery in Haliburton Nov. 9 and the Thrift Warehouse in Bancroft Nov. 15.

Oct. 9, 11 a.m. to noon Needle felting workshop at the Haliburton library. No prior experience needed – staff will provide a step-by-step guide through the basics of shaping, layering and finishing your felted piece. We'll be creating mini pumpkins. Registration required – contact 705-457-2241 or programs@haliburtonlibrary.ca. Also in Minden Oct. 15 from 2 to 3 p.m., and Dorset Oct. 31 from 1-2 p.m.

Oct. 9, 1 p.m. *A Return to Memory (2024)* will be shown at the Minden library. Directed by Donald McWilliams, this powerful feature-length documentary explores the untold story of the women who helped shape Canadian cinema during World War II. A second screening is scheduled at 5 p.m.

Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p,m. Castle Antiques and Café is hosting its autumn market. Find local artisans and their creations on-site at the downtown Haliburton space.

Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dorset's annual arts and crafts show at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Featuring Ontario-based artists and artisans. For more information, contact 705-766-9968 or recreation@alongquinhighlands.ca.

Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Dysart and Minden libraries are hosting a free Halloween costume swap. Browse a selection of gently-used costumes and accessories for all ages – no donation required to participate. First come, first served while supplies last.

Oct. 16, 1 to 3 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network meeting at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. Gather and meet members, read stories, general news. For more information contact Kay Millard at 705-286-6635. Meetings run the third Thursday of each month.

Oct. 18, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Soup supper at Haliburton United Church. Come out to meet new people or reminisce with old friends. All are welcome. The supper is free, though donations are welcome.

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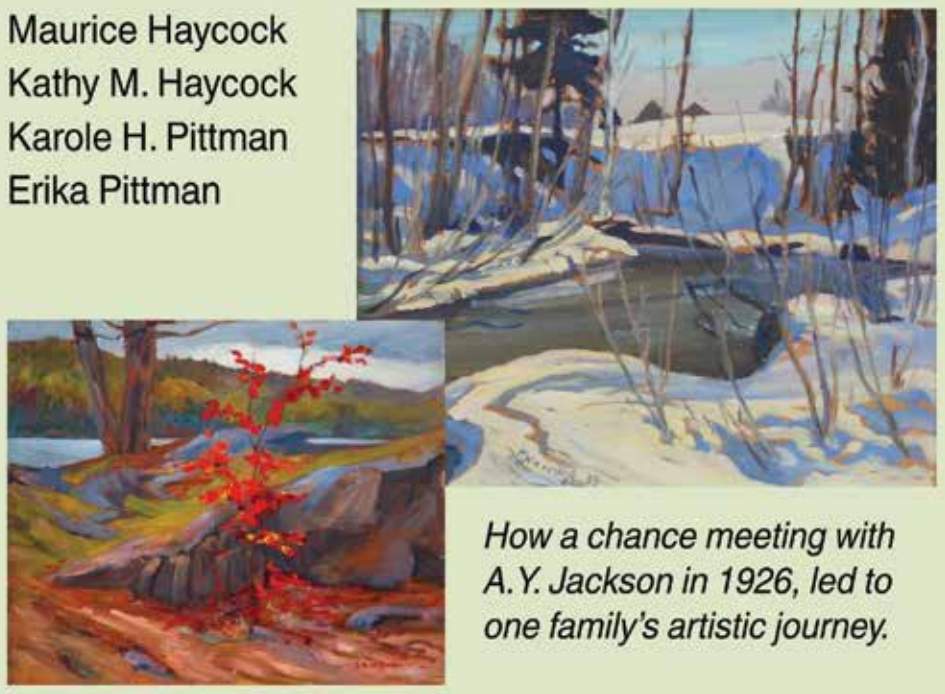

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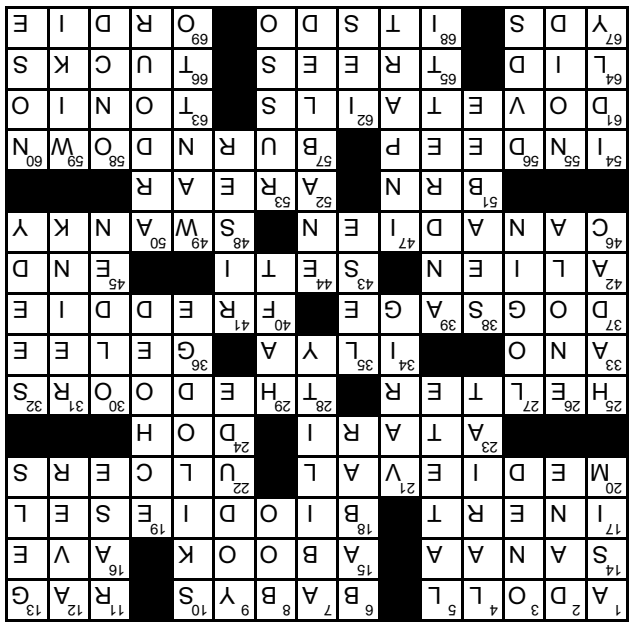

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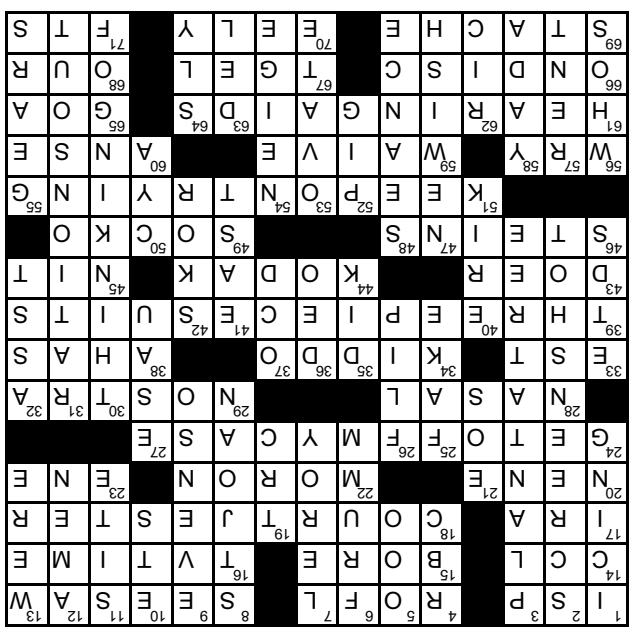

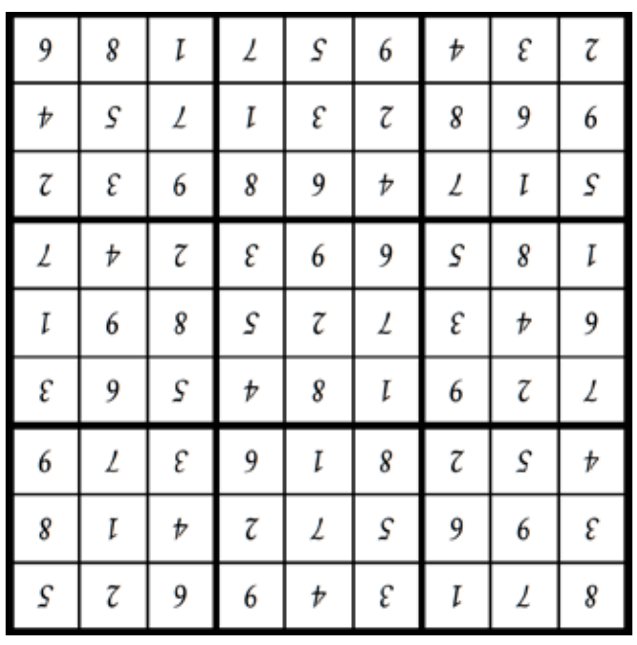

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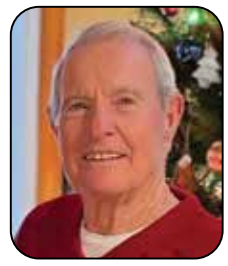

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert James MacNaull, who left us peacefully on October 1st, at the age of 85.

Bob was a beloved husband, whose kindness and laughter left a mark on all who knew him. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Anne, and his children, Stephen (Kerry), Marla, and Michael (Kelli). He was a devoted grandpa who was cherished by his grandchildren, Alex, Grace, Shae (Owen), Max, and Benn.

Bob was born in Brockville, ON, on April 29th, 1940, to James and Jessie MacNaull. He was the younger brother of Donald (Chris) (predeceased). He is also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Bob enjoyed coaching youth baseball, hockey, curling, and fishing in the wildlife with his friends. But most of all, Bob enjoyed spending time with his family.

Bob's warmth, love for life, and ability to bring joy to those around him will never be forgotten. He will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege to know him.

Celebration of Life

Friends and family are invited to call for a service in Bob's Memory on Friday, October 10, 2025, from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at the **HALIBURTON CURLING CLUB**, 730 Mountain St, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209.

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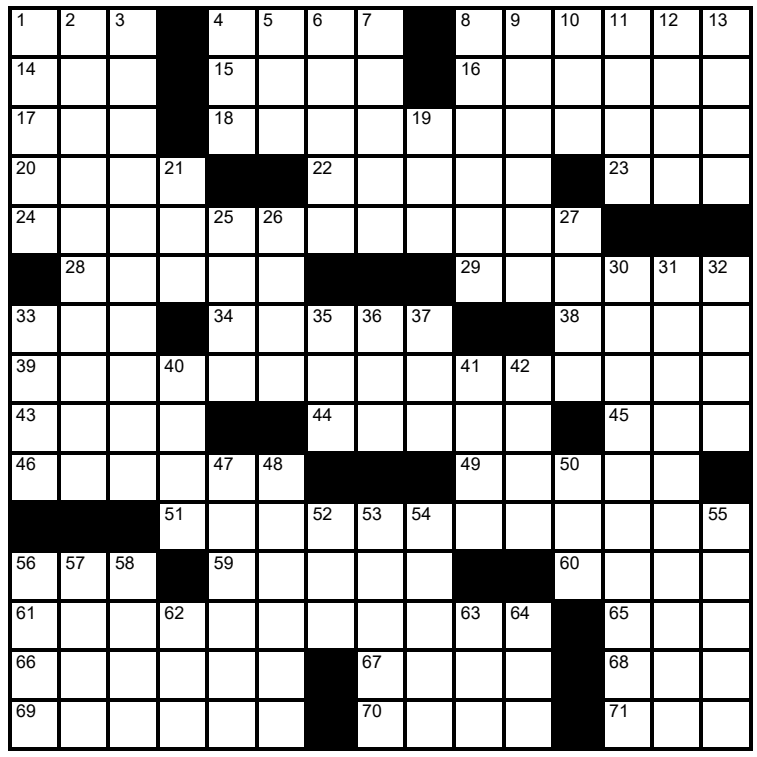

Across

1 Surfer's hookup co.
4 Texter's "too funny!"
8 Playground equipment one can't use?
14 Caesar's 250
15 Drill down
16 Show-watching stint
17 Author Levin
18 Joky judge?
20 State bird of Hawaii
22 Far from a Mensa member
23 180° from WSW
24 Order when firing one's lawyer?
28 Relating to rhinology
29 68-Across, in Italy
33 Is in Québec?
34 Little gaffer
38 "I figured it out!" cries
39 Triple-felony prosecutions?
43 Action figure?
44 Fuji rival
45 Petty annoyance
46 Kölsch holders
49 Smashing, in show biz slang
51 Continue one's judging career?
56 Like snarky humour
59 Dispense with, as formalities
60 "As I Lay Dying" father
61 Gofers in a legal proceeding?
65 ___ long way (help greatly)
66 Like burned music
67 Shampoo made for flakes?
68 Sharers' possessive
69 Movember growth, for short
70 Slippery-skinned
71 B.C.'s St. John and St. James: Abbr.

Down

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3 Observe Arbor Day, perhaps
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5 Tic-tac-toe win
6 Onetime "As it Happens" host Barbara
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8 Martyred heroine in a Shaw book
9 "But still"
10 Long-fingered sci-fi figures
11 Web designer's creation
12 Prayer ending, often
13 Had been
19 Inquiry inspiring Orange Shirt Day: Abbr.
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25 Like some eyelashes and I.D.s
26 ___-flop
27 Genesis hairy twin
30 Having in mind
31 Provides portions
32 Tool passer, say: Abbr.
33 Landing guesses, for short
35 Hi and Lois cartoonist, ___ Browne
36 "Gloria in excelsis ___"
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40 Redheaded Norse explorer
41 Whence the Wicked Witch, in Oz
42 Swedish-named Hershey bar
47 Relatively recent
48 Session for raising the dead
50 Texter's "peace out"
52 Coin container shape, often
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54 French snow
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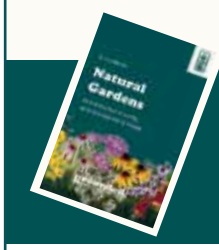

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